

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A spray gun for applying texture materials and having a body, an air valve and an air passage, the improvement comprising said air valve comprising:

a needle having a tapered diameter, a seating surface and threadedly located in said body[, said threads being relatively fine]; and

a seat having a seating surface tapered in diameter, said needle and seat seating surfaces having lengths at least as great as about said diameter.

2. (currently amended) [A] The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials and having a [body,] a fluid needle [and an air passage], the improvement comprising an air shutoff valve, said valve comprising a member mounted over said needle for occluding said air passage.

3. (currently amended) [A] The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials [and having a body], the improvement comprising said body being molded as a one piece plastic piece requiring no secondary operations to complete.

4. (original) The spray gun of claim 3 further comprising two protrusions on said body for mounting a trigger and a molded trigger stop.

5. (currently amended) [A] The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials [and having a body], the improvement comprising a gun head rotatably attached to said body for rotation

between a first position for mounting a hopper and a second position for attachment to a pump line.

6. (currently amended) [A] The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials [and having a body], the improvement comprising said body having first and second ports for receiving a source of material, said first port being positioned for mounting a hopper and said second port being positioned for attachment to a pump line.

7. (currently amended) The spray gun of claim 6 further comprising an internal flow director [46] for selective occlusion of one of said ports.

8. (currently amended) [A] The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials [and having a body and an air passage], the improvement comprising a molded [soft] flexible polymer one-way valve installed in said air passage allowing only forward airflow for normal spraying and which without airflow will relax shut and prevent fluid backflow.

9. (currently amended) [A] The spray gun of claim 1 for applying texture materials and having a [body and a] needle having an air passage therethrough, the improvement comprising a multi-hole air cap installed directly to the end of the needle.